

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

In the claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system comprising:

a sleeve;

a premachined/opening in said sleeve;

a cover disposed at said opening; and

a release material disposed at said cover and exposed to environment exterior to said sleeve.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said release material [is on] isolates at least a portion of said cover exposed to environment exterior to said sleeve.

Claim 3. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said release material forms a weak bond with said cover.

Claim 4. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said material is silicone.

Claim 5. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said material is an elastomer.

Claim 6. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said material is an air cured resin.

Claim 7. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed

in Claim 3 wherein said material is polyurethane.

Claim 8. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said release material further creates a seal between said sleeve and said cover.

Claim 9. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said cover and said sleeve further define an intersection therebetween having a hydraulic seal.

Claim 10. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 9 wherein said hydraulic seal comprises a seal bore on an inside dimension of said sleeve and a seal on an outside dimension of said cover.

Claim 11. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said seal is an o-ring.

Claim 12. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said cover is a sleeve.

Claim 13. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said cover is a lateral diverter.

Claim 14. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said sleeve is a liner sleeve.

Claim 15. (Original) An apparatus for creating a cemented lateral junction system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said release material is on all of said cover exposed to environment exterior to said sleeve.

Claim 16. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore comprising:

- installing a lateral diverter in a lateral junction system;
- applying a release material to said lateral diverter;
- running foregoing elements in a borehole;
- deploying said lateral junction system in a lateral exit window; and
- applying a hardenable agent to said lateral junction system.

Claim 17. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 16 wherein said applying is cementing.

Claim 18. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 17 wherein said cementing includes cleaning out.

Claim 19. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 16 wherein said method further comprises allowing said cement to set.

Claim 20. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 16 wherein said method further includes pulling said diverter.

Claim 21. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 20 wherein said diverter is pulled after setting of the cement.

Claim 22. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 20 wherein said pulling includes separating said diverter from said cement by defeating bonding properties of said release material.

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) A method for constructing a wellbore comprising:  
preparing a sleeve with a premachined window, a cover positioned to occlude said

window and a release material [at] isolating at least a portion of said cover exposed to environment through said window, for running in the wellbore;

installing said sleeve in a wellbore; and

applying a hardenable agent to an annulus of said wellbore around said sleeve.

Claim 24. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 23 wherein said method further comprises removing said cover after applying the hardenable agent.

Claim 25. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 23 wherein said method further comprises drilling the hardenable agent through said premachined window.

Claim 26. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 23 wherein said release material covers all of said portion of said cover exposed to environment through said window.

Claim 27. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 23 wherein the hardenable agent is cement.

Claim 28. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 23 wherein said installing includes locating and orienting said sleeve.

Claim 29. (Original) A method for constructing a wellbore as claimed in Claim 28 wherein said locating and orienting is accomplished by landing a hook in a hook hanger liner system in a window of said wellbore.”